Lesson 5: Share Your Story

UNIT: Constellation Stories

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Margaret.

When I'm finishing a piece of writing, I don't get to the end and say, "Okay, all done." I read my writing over and over, looking for any parts I want to change. Sometimes, I write parts over and over, trying to get them exactly right.

You're getting ready to share a piece of writing. As a writer, you'll read your writing many times. Each time looking for one thing you might want to change.

I have some ideas about how you can make your writing the best that it can be. Here's my countdown of ways to get your writing ready to share.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Before we begin, you'll need a piece of writing that you're going to edit and get ready to share.

Get the draft you're working on now.

STEP 2

Number 5: Punctuation!

Anytime a character speaks, what they say needs to be in quotation marks with a comma between the dialogue and the tag.

Where is the missing punctuation in this sentence?

STEP 3

The dialog needs quotation marks and a comma.

Now, look through your writing. Check your dialogue for quotation marks and commas. Don't forget to check the ends of each sentence to make sure they end with punctuation.

If any are missing, you can add them.

STEP 4

Number 4: Capitalization

Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter. Names of characters are proper nouns and need to be capitalized even in the middle of a sentence.

Discuss: Where is the missing capital letter?

STEP 5

This letter needs to be capitalized, since it is a name.

Now, look through your writing. Check the start of every sentence to make sure it begins with a capital letter. Check the names of your characters to make sure they are capitalized.

If any are missing, you can change the letter.

STEP 6

Number 3: Spelling

Discuss: Where is the spelling mistake in this sentence?

STEP 7

This word was spelled incorrectly.

Now, look at your writing. Use all the spelling strategies you know to help you spell your words. You can also use resources in your classroom to help if you're not sure how to spell a word.

If you see a misspelled word, you can fix your mistake.

STEP 8

Number 2: Check if it sounds right

Discuss: What part of this sentence doesn't sound right? If you want, you can whisper-read the sentence to yourself.

STEP 9

This part doesn't sound right.

Now read your writing to check to make sure it sounds right. You can read it in your head or whisper-read to yourself.

If you find a part that doesn't sound right, you can fix your sentence.

STEP 10

Number 1: Recopy your work.

Your teacher will tell you where you'll write your final draft. When you recopy your writing, you might find parts that don't make sense or other parts you want to change. You can make changes as you recopy.

Get the papers you will need to recopy onto, then take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be.

STEP 11

Your constellation story is ready to share. You'll set up your pages to share, and then you'll get to read the other stories created by your classmates.

Now you can set up your desk to display your story. You'll make this top part of your first page pop up, so it looks like your character is in the sky next to other constellations. Underneath that, you'll write the title and author of your story.

To get ready, get these supplies.

STEP 12

Get your first page of your final draft. The title of your constellation story will be your character's name.

Write it on the line. Write your name in the author blank.

STEP 13

Draw a picture of your character using the stars in the constellation, just like you did on your Constellation worksheet. You can make this one more detailed and in color.

Your teacher will tell you how much drawing time you have. You can finish drawing later if you need more time.

STEP 14

Get the first page of your writing.

Make sure the page is facing up so that you can see your drawing and writing.

Fold the page in half along this line.

Line up the corners on both sides before pressing down.

Run your fingernail along the edge to make a good crease.

STEP 15

Now take one corner of the upper flap and fold it back over until the edges line up. It should make a triangle flap, like this.

Run your fingernail along the new fold to make a good crease. Do the same thing on the other side.

STEP 16

Unfold your paper along the first fold. Your constellation should pop up above your writing.

If it's not popping up, you can push it back, like this You can also adjust the two triangle flaps on the back to support your constellation more if you need to.

STEP 17

Set up your desk for others to read your story.

Place the first page at the top of your desk and your other pages in order underneath it like this.

That way others can see the title and picture for your story as they begin to read.

STEP 18

To celebrate all the writing in this room, find another story to read.

Your teacher will tell you how much time you'll have to walk around and read amazing constellation stories.

WRAP UP

Wow! These stories were so awesome! Hopefully, you got to read some different stories about this constellation.

Now, every time you see this star pattern in the sky, you can remember all of the different characters including yours.

Keep looking for more characters in the night sky so that you can think of even more stories to share.

I'll see you next time.